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1. In a letter dated 30 October 2003, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Ambassador, Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations and International Organizations at Geneva, in the name of the League of Arab States, made a formal application to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply thereto, dated 31 October 2003, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the Eighty-sixth Session of the Council.
2. This matter falls under rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure for the Council which provides that the Council may admit, upon their application, international organizations, governmental and non-governmental, concerned with migration, refugees or human resources as observers at its meetings.
3. An appropriate draft resolution will be submitted to the Council when this matter comes up for decision.

Annex I

LETTER DATED 30 OCTOBER 2003 FROM THE AMBASSADOR,
PERMANENT OBSERVER OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES TO THE UNITED
NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AT GENEVA
TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the relationship existing between the League of Arab States and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), relationship which was formalized by the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement on 12 December 2000.

In order to give full effect to this agreement and to establish a closer relationship with your Organization, the League of Arab States would like to obtain the status of observer in the International Organization for Migration.

I shall appreciate your taking the necessary steps to submit this request to the Council for its consideration.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

LETTER DATED 31 OCTOBER 2003 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
TO THE AMBASSADOR, PERMANENT OBSERVER OF THE
LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND
OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AT GENEVA

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 30 October 2003, informing me of the wish of the the League of Arab States to obtain the status of observer in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

We appreciate the growing cooperation between our two organizations, as attested by the signature of the Cooperation Agreement between the League of Arab States and IOM on 12 December 2000. The necessary steps will be taken to place your application on the agenda of the Eighty-sixth Session of the IOM Council, to be held in Geneva from 18 to 21 November 2003.

An appropriate document formally presenting your application will be distributed to all Member States and observers. You will receive a copy of it, together with further details and procedural information concerning the Council session.

Permit me to say that it is with great pleasure that I have received your request. I would like to express my deep satisfaction at the prospect of closer cooperation between our two organizations.

[Complimentary ending]